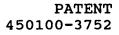
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## COMMUNICATION

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Sir:

Enclosed herewith is a copy of the "Notice to File Missing Parts of Application" (form PTO-1533) dated March 5, 1997 on the above application, a Declaration duly signed by the inventors and making reference to the serial number and filing date given on such "Notice", and a check in the amount of \$170.00

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In view of the foregoing, it is believed that the identified application is now complete, and the early examination thereof on its merits is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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